



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: August 4, 2010
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the August 2, 2010 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

Prepared by: Lisa Baldwin, Planning Commission Committee Clerk (612-673-3710)

Approved by: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

1. Roger Broz, Vac-1569, Hilary Dvorak, Sr Planner, x2639

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on August 2, 2010. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on August 2, 2010 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

1. Roger Broz (Vac-1569, Ward: 7), ([Hilary Dvorak](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by Roger Broz with Minneapolis Community and Technical College has submitted the following utility vacation application:

Utility vacation (Vac 1569): That part of the Utility Easement per Document Nos. 4182708 and 1163132 lying within vacated Willow Street described as commencing at the most westerly corner of Lot 6, Block 6, THE WASHINGTON YALE ADDITION TO MINNEAPOLIS, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; thence on an assumed bearing of South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along the southwesterly line of said Lot 6, a distance of 79.62 feet to the point of beginning of the vacation to be described; thence continuing South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along said southwesterly line of Lot 6, a distance of 100.79 feet; thence South 59 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 18.00 feet; thence North 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 77.76 feet; thence North 7 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 29.23 feet to the point of beginning.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the findings and **approve** the vacation application.

Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division
Vacation of Utility Easement
Vac-1569

Date: August 2, 2010

Applicant: Minneapolis Community and Technical College

Address of Property: Part of a utility easement reserved with the vacation of Willow Street between Hennepin Avenue and Yale Street in 1975

Project Name: Not applicable for this application

Contact Person and Phone: Roger Broz, (612) 659-6805

Planning Staff and Phone: Hilary Dvorak, (612) 673-2639

Date Application Deemed Complete: Not applicable for this application

End of 60-Day Decision Period: Not applicable for this application

End of 120-Day Decision Period: Not applicable for this application

Ward: 7 **Neighborhood Organization:** Citizens for a Loring Park Community

Existing Zoning: OR3, DP Downtown Parking Overlay District, SH Shoreland Overlay District

Proposed Zoning: Not applicable for this application

Zoning Plate Number: 18

Legal Description: Not applicable for this application

Proposed Use: Walkway and landscaping

Concurrent Review:

Vacation 1554: Part of a utility easement reserved with the vacation of Willow Street between Hennepin Avenue and Yale Street in 1975. The part requested to be vacated is adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, Block 6, Washington Yale Addition to Minneapolis.

Applicable zoning code provisions: Not applicable for this application

Background: The Minneapolis Community and Technical College is proposing an addition to the existing Helland Center and the Fine Arts Center buildings. The addition will be built up to the area that is being petitioned to be vacated but the area itself will be used for a walkway and landscaping.

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Development Plan: The applicant is proposing an addition to the existing Helland Center and the Fine Arts Center buildings. The addition will be built up to the area that is being petitioned to be vacated but the area itself will be used for a walkway and landscaping.

Responses from Utilities and Affected Property Owners: None of the utilities and/or affected property owners that have responded to the vacation request have requested an easement.

Findings: The Public Works Department and the Community Planning and Economic Development Department – Planning Division find that the area proposed for the vacation is not needed for any public purpose and it is not part of a public transportation corridor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division for the vacation (Vac1569):

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division recommends that the City Planning Commission and the City Council accept the above findings and **approve** the vacation application.

Attachments:

1. Information pertaining to Vac1554 and responses from the utilities and affected property owners

**Excerpt from the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Minneapolis Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)
Planning Division**

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2010

TO: Steve Poor, Planning Supervisor – Zoning Administrator, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division

FROM: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division, Development Services

CC: Barbara Sporlein, Director, Community Planning & Economic Development Planning Division

SUBJECT: Planning Commission decisions of August 2, 2010

The following actions were taken by the Planning Commission on August 2, 2010. As you know, the Planning Commission's decisions on items other than rezonings, text amendments, vacations, 40 Acre studies and comprehensive plan amendments are final subject to a ten calendar day appeal period before permits can be issued.

Commissioners present: President Motzenbecker, Gorecki, Huynh, Luepke-Pier and Tucker – 5

Not present: Bates (excused), Bourn, Carter, Cohen (excused) and Schiff

Committee Clerk: Lisa Baldwin (612) 673-3710

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[Staff report](#)

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Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the findings and **approve** the vacation application.

President Motzenbecker opened the public hearing.

No one was present to speak to the item.

President Motzenbecker closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Luepke-Pier moved approval of the staff recommendation (Huynh seconded).

The motion carried 4-0.

By Schiff

Part of a utility easement reserved with the vacation of Willow Street between Hennepin Avenue and Yale Street in 1975. The part requested to be vacated is adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, Block 6, Washington Yale Addition to Minneapolis (Vacation File No. 1569).

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That part of the Utility Easement per Document Nos. 4182708 and 1163132 lying within vacated Willow Street described as commencing at the most westerly corner of Lot 6, Block 6, THE WASHINGTON YALE ADDITION TO MINNEAPOLIS, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; thence on an assumed bearing of South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along the southwesterly line of said Lot 6, a distance of 79.62 feet to the point of beginning of the vacation to be described; thence continuing South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along said southwesterly line of Lot 6, a distance of 100.79 feet; thence South 59 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 18.00 feet; thence North 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 77.76 feet; thence North 7 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 29.23 feet to the point of beginning

is hereby vacated.